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1. SINCE THE DELIVERY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE TO ALLIED
CAPITALS, WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY INCREASING ALLIANCE
MEMBER SUPPORT FOR THE AEW. WE ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED
BY NEW EVIDENCE OF A GROWING COALESCENCE OF SUPPORT AMONG
SEVERAL OF THE SMALLER NATIONS. NEAR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT
IS CRUCIAL TO PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION OF AEW FUNDING BY
THE FRG AND UK. SUCH SUPPORT WOULD ALSO HELP SUPPORT OF
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NATO AWACS IN THE US CONGRESS.

2. WE WOULD LIKE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO ASSURE THE UK AND FRG THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCUREMENT IF THESE TWO MAJORS POWERS, PLUS A REASONABLE NUMBER OF OTHER NATO ALLIES, ARE WILLING TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE PROGRAM IN DECEMBER, SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL ;N THE SPRING. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO THIS, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST IT TO THEM, AND INDICATE THAT THIS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO OBTAINING MINISTERIAL COMMITMENT TO THE E-3A AWACS PROGRAM AT THE DECEMBER DPC MEETING. ROBINSON

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